

**DYAN WADE ALLEN MAKES HIS  
MARK ON THE WORLD**

**HON. BOB ETHERIDGE**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 5, 2007*

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Matt and Jennifer Allen on the birth of their child, Dyan Wade Allen. Dyan was born on Tuesday, August 7, 2007, and weighed 6 pounds and 12 ounces. My wife Faye joins me in wishing Matt and Jennifer great happiness upon this new addition to their family.

As the father of three, I know the joy and pride that Matt and Jennifer feel at this special time. Children remind us of the incredible miracle of life, and they keep us young-at-heart. Every day, they show us a new way to view the world. I know the Allens look forward to the changes and challenges that their new son will bring to their lives while taking pleasure in the many rewards they are sure to receive as they watch him grow.

I welcome young Dyan into the world and wish Matt and Jennifer all the best as they raise him.

**RECOGNIZING THE HEPATITIS B  
FOUNDATION**

**HON. PATRICK J. MURPHY**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 5, 2007*

Mr. PATRICK J. MURPHY of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the Hepatitis B Foundation and its founders for their many accomplishments in Hepatitis B advocacy. The foundation, which this year celebrated its 15-year anniversary, also recently unveiled the Pennsylvania Biotechnology Center right here in Bucks County. The Hepatitis B Foundation started in 1991 around a kitchen, as an effort to help a local family suffering from Hepatitis B. Today it is a one-of-a-kind, world-renowned organization.

Over 2 billion people are infected with Hepatitis B world-wide, including 12 million people in the United States. The disease causes liver infections, leads to cancer, and is particularly dangerous for children. Hepatitis B is 100 times more infectious than HIV, but safe and reliable vaccines are available. Because Hepatitis B can be prevented and treated, the Foundation has always believed that education is just as important as research.

The Hepatitis B Foundation is the only non-profit organization solely dedicated to Hepatitis B education, research, and advocacy. The Foundation's O'Liver the mascot, hotlines and multilingual literature all promote awareness and understanding of Hepatitis B. Partnerships with government officials helped Pennsylvania become one of the first states to require student vaccinations. Madam Speaker, because of the efforts of ongoing Hepatitis education, there are now 47 States that have Hepatitis B vaccine requirements.

The new Biotechnology Center opened in October of 2006 as a result of a partnership between the Hepatitis B Foundation and Delaware Valley College. Their scientists conduct research in molecular biology, drug discovery,

and early detection of cancer in order to find treatment options and a cure.

Madam Speaker, I would like to individually recognize Founders and Board Members Paul and Janine Witte, Timothy and Joan Block, and Executive Director Molly Conti for their dedication to Hepatitis B awareness and medical achievements. I thank them on behalf of the countless people who have learned and benefited from the Foundation. Their compassion for one family truly became a desire to change the world for the better.

**CONGRATULATING MR. JOSHUA  
BARNHILL**

**HON. THOMAS G. TANCREDO**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 5, 2007*

Mr. TANCREDO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to one of my constituents Mr. Joshua Barnhill of Aurora, Colorado, who will attend a People to People World Leadership Forum in 2008. His outstanding academic merits and communal involvement have laid a solid foundation of individual integrity and dedication: both characteristics of a qualified leader. I am honored to represent such a promising young man.

Created in 1956, the People to People Program is an educational travel program dedicated to fostering leadership potential in youth worldwide. People to People has helped more than 200,000 students and professionals develop their leadership skills based upon Dwight D. Eisenhower's belief that "people can make a difference where governments cannot." This unique interaction and exposure will enable Mr. Barnhill to gain a greater understanding and insider's perspective of Washington, DC.

Madam Speaker, it is my distinct pleasure to acknowledge one of Colorado's own. Please join me in congratulating Mr. Barnhill and wishing him the best in his future endeavors.

**KINGWOOD CHAMBER OF  
COMMERCE**

**HON. TED POE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 5, 2007*

Mr. POE. Madam Speaker, outside of Houston in 1969 a group of developers set out to create a suburban paradise hidden amongst the trees. From these humble beginnings, Kingwood has grown into a viable economic and residential force in southeast Texas. Now known as the "livable forest," locals work together daily so they may progress successfully into the future while at the same time preserving their unique surroundings.

Spearheading this progress is the Kingwood Chamber of Commerce. Founded in 2003, this group strives to meet the needs of the local community and encourage local trade. Since its inception, these fine Texans have participated in numerous business and community service projects. Sparky Nolan currently serves as the president of this organization, and has been an inspirational community leader from the start. Kingwood Chamber mem-

bers recognize the importance of their consumer's quality of life in correlation with economic growth.

Last January the group organized "Travis McCormick Kleenwood Day." Members of the chamber worked together in teams with other local residents to help make their community more visually appealing. At the end of the event, hundreds of pounds of litter near sidewalks, greenbelt trails, and curbs were properly disposed of.

The Kingwood Chamber of Commerce also supports projects such as the Wildflower Project 2007, another demonstration of their commitment to bettering surrounding neighborhoods. In April the chamber organized the planting of wildflowers throughout the Kingwood area. The pride these Kingwood residents take in their community is certainly commendable, and is demonstrated not only in sponsorships like the Wildflower Project but in their support for local business and community organizations.

In addition to business growth, the Kingwood Chamber supports the entire community and stands for patriotism at its finest. Their support of local organizations like the Blue Star Mothers shows the chamber's concern and support for families with children who have served in the United States Armed Forces.

It gives me great pride to recognize the Kingwood Chamber for all they do. By working to better the community, Kingwood Chamber members understand the fundamental aspects of being Texan and I congratulate them on a job well done.

And that's just the way it is.

**HONORING MR. T. VANCE LITTLE**

**HON. MARSHA BLACKBURN**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 5, 2007*

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing the contributions of an outstanding member of our Williamson County community, Mr. T. Vance Little. A descendent of pioneer settlers, graduate of Vanderbilt Law School, and member of several historic, preservation, and patriotic organizations, Mr. Little has dedicated himself to providing leadership in his community.

This distinguished citizen is a noted author, journalist, and host of local historic television programs. He is the historian for the city of Brentwood, chairman of the Friends of the Williamson County Museum, secretary of the Williamson County Records Commission, and a member of Brentwood United Methodist Church. He has also sponsored a monthly program on local history at the Martin Center for the past 10 years.

Mr. Little has received many honors including the Heritage Foundation "Patron of the Year," the Williamson County Historical Society "Volunteer of the Year," the Brentwood Chamber of Commerce "Citizen of the Year," and the Leadership Brentwood "Civic Award." Recently, in 2006, he received the prestigious "Living Legend" award from the Williamson County Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Little has reminded us that we have no more important obligation to our children and to ourselves than preserving our history. We